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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN THE MATTER OF:

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EXAMINER: ZEMAN, Robert A.

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FOR: METHODS FOR DETECTION OR MEASUREMENT OF VIRUSES

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

This is in response to the outstanding Office Communication dated December 31, 2003. Applicant respectfully requests an extension of time for responding to the Notice, until June 30, 2004. All necessary fees in connection with this matter should be deducted from Deposit Account No. 01-1944.

Please amend the application as follows: